

# Brown County State Park

## Annual Winter Hike



**Saturday, January 15**  
**9am**

**Register at Nature Center for Southern Loop Hike, and at the Rec Building for Woodland Hike, \$1/hiker. Children under 12 free.**



**January observations can be almost as simple and peaceful as snow, and almost as continuous as cold. There is time not only to see who has done what, but to speculate why. -Aldo Leopold**

Winter has long been held a special time for nature lovers. Just as nature study need not end as the sun goes down, or discontinue due to the season, we eagerly look forward to a time that it continues, despite the cold. The bookshelves at the Nature Center contain several field guides and handbooks that help us understand winter and nature's response: winter botany, tracks and signs, winter birds, snow and ice, winds, storms, blizzards, etc. You'd be surprised how many animals and birds are active as the temperatures plummet and ice crystals form. And another Brown County State Park Winter Hike is planned to help you enjoy the great outdoors!

**Southern Loop Hike, 3.5 miles** On Saturday, January 15, 2010 beginning at 9am, choose one of two self-guided trails that take you through some of the most beautiful scenery in Brown County. Beginning at the Nature Center, the Southern Loop Hike, 3.5 miles, allows a leisure hike for all walkers along a closed park road into Strahl Valley, around Lake Strahl and return to the Nature Center (Trail #6). At the Strahl Shelter, local Boy Scout Troop 190 will prepare s'mores for a welcomed hiker snack. Hot coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be available from the Abe Martin Lodge. The scouts can also offer first aid, doggie snacks and helpful hiking tips. Donations accepted.

**Woodland Hike, 2.75 miles** The second hike route, the Woodland Hike, 2.75 miles, starts at the park's Recreation Building, proceeds through Ogle Hollow Nature Preserve (Trail #5), goes around Lake Ogle (Trail #7), and returns to the

Recreation Building. More s'mores and hot drinks will be offered at the Lake Ogle shelter. Hikers from years past have commented it's a nice treat to be greeted by hot refreshments offered by happy scouts. Along both trails, hikers can talk with park interpreters on a variety of winter wildlife topics.

Don't forget the Hiker's Buffet breakfast at 7am at the Abe Martin Lodge Little Gem Restaurant. This Breakfast with the Naturalists will give hikers a heads up on what to expect and what to look for along either trail. After the hike, The Hiker's Buffet luncheon will be served from 11am til 2pm.

The popular and collectible Winter Hike patch and yearly chevron will be sold by the Friends of Brown County State Park at the lodge, starting at 11am. For more information, please call the Brown County State Park Nature Center, 812-988-5240.

# 2011 Friends Meetings and Special Brown County State Park Events

DATE	TIME	MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
January 5	6:30pm	Annual Meeting	Nature Center
January 15	9am	Annual Winter Hike	<a href="http://browncountystatepark.us/WinterHike.shtml">http://browncountystatepark.us/WinterHike.shtml</a>
February 2	6:30pm	Monthly Meeting	Nature Center
February 4-6	Check website	Eagle Watch Weekend	<a href="http://www.eaglesatlakemonroe.com/">http://www.eaglesatlakemonroe.com/</a>
March 2	6:30pm	Monthly Meeting	Nature Center
March 5	812-988-5240	Conservationist Aldo Leopold Day	Nature Center
March 19	9am	Bluebird Box Building Workshop	Nature Center
April 6	6:30pm	Monthly Meeting	Nature Center
April 22-24	Check website	Brown County Spring Wildflower Foray	<a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier/docs/events/wildflower.htm">http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier/docs/events/wildflower.htm</a>
April 23	9am-noon	Friends Plant Sale	Nature Center
May 4	6:30pm	Monthly Meeting	Nature Center
May 7	10am-4pm	Morel Mushroom Festival	Nature Center
June 1	6:30pm	Monthly Meeting	Nature Center
June 4	Check website	DINO Trail Run & Mountain Bike Race	<a href="http://www.dinoseries.com/index.html">http://www.dinoseries.com/index.html</a>
June 25	812-988-5240	Brown County Rocks! Geology Appreciation Day	Nature Center
July 2	812-988-4418	Old Fashioned Independence Day Celebration	Abe Martin Lodge 877-265-6343 (toll free)
July 6	6:30pm	Friends of BCSP, T. C. Steele & Library Pitch-In	Lower Shelter House
July 30	812-988-5240	Smokey's Safety Day	Nature Center
August 3	6:30pm	Monthly Meeting	Nature Center
September 3-4	812-988-4418	Abe's 3rd Annual Hootenanny Weekend	Abe Martin Lodge 877-265-6343 (toll free)
September 7	6:30pm	Monthly Meeting	Nature Center
September 17	812-988-5240	Environmental Good Turn Day	Nature Center
October 5	6:30pm	Monthly Meeting	Nature Center
October 8-9	Check website	7th Annual Brown County Breakdown	<a href="http://www.browncountymountainbiking.com/breakdown/">http://www.browncountymountainbiking.com/breakdown/</a>
October 22	5-6pm, 8-10pm	Friends Friendly & Haunted Trails	Park Office
November 2	6:30pm	Monthly Meeting	Nature Center
November 5	10am-4pm	Annual Statewide Friends of the Parks Meeting	Abe Martin Lodge
December 3	1pm	Annual YMCA Reindeer Romp	Nature Center
December 7	6:30pm	Friends Christmas Party & Dinner	Brown County Public Library
December 11	8am-3pm	Christmas Bird Count	Nature Center